

PATENT CASE: DX0589K1B

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REMARKS

Applicants elect Group VI. (Claims 33-38) without traverse. These claims are directed to binding compositions that bind to a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 4 or an antigenic fragment thereof.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 23-32 and 39-42 are cancelled as they are drawn to non-elected inventions. For greater clarity, claims 33-38 have been cancelled and the subject matter that is directed to the presently claimed invention has been incorporated into new claims 43-64. Support for these claim amendments may be found throughout the specification and the originally filed claims. For example, on page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 8, page 20, lines 31-45, page 21, lines 24-27, and page 24, lines 23-29.

Applicants attach Appendix A with the newly revised claim set, primarily for the Examiner's convenience.

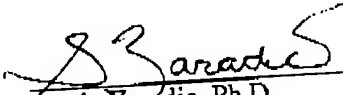
In addition, Applicants attach Appendix B a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment entitled "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

CONCLUSION

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks place this application now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully solicit early and favorable action allowing claims 43-64.

Respectfully submitted,

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